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SUBJECT: SEA LANES AT STRAIT OF HORMUZ

1. IN CONVERSATION NOVEMBER 10 WITH DCM AND DOD VISITOR
CDR. ZWART, HEAD TOF SULTANATE NAVY COMMODORE HARRY MUCKLOW OUT-
LINED PROPOSALS HE HAD JUST SUBMITTED TO OMANGOV FOREIGN MIN-
ISTRY ON SEA LANES IN STRAIT OF HORMUZ. MAIN PASSAGE THROUGH
STRAIT LIES WITHIN OMANI TERRITORIAL WATERS, SAND OMAN FEELS
SPECIAL CONCERN FOR MARITIME ACTIVITY THERE. MUCKLOW
BELIEVED CURRENT RULES AS PRACTICED BY MANY SHIP MASTERS
CREATE POSSIBILITY OF COLLISION.

2. CHIEF PROBLEM AS MUCKLOW OUTLINED IT IS THAT SHIPS ENTERING
GULF MAY PASS EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH OF LITTLE QUOIN ISLAND.
INORDER TO CUT DISTANCE TRAVELED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, SHIPS
MASTERS TEND TO CHOOSE SOUTHERN ROUTE AND TO PASS CLOSE TO
OUTBOUND LANE, WHICH LIES SLIGHTLY FARTHER SOUTH OF
LITTLE QUOIN ISLAND. MUCKLOW PROPOSES THAT INBOUND TRAFFIC
BE RESTRICTED TO LANE NORTH OFSTHE ISLAND.

3. MUCKLOW ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER HABIT OF MANY
SHIPS TO DISCHARGE WASTE BETWEEN RAS AL-HADD AND HORMUZ
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ON WAY INTO GULF CREATING POLLUTION PROBLEM OFF OMANI
COAST.

4. WE PASS ON ABOVE INFO AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO USG
MARITIME OFFICES AND AGENCIES. MUCKLOW STATED THAT ANY
PROPOSALS ALONG THESE LINES WOULD OF COURSE BE IMPLEMENTED
ONLY THROUGH AGREEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES SUCH AS IMCO.

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